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SUBJECT: PAN AM STATUS REPORT

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1. AS WE FEARED PROBLEMS FOR THE PAN AM PHASE OUT HAVE SURFACED THOUGH, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, THE "MISUNDERSTANDINGS" APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

2. THE NEW AIR ZAIRE DELEGATE GENERAL, GENERAL MOLONGYA, TELEPHONED LONGTIME KINSHASA RESIDENT LARRY DEVLIN TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH PAN AM EMPLOYEES WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO A "MISUNDERSTANDING". SPECIFICALLY, HE STATED THAT JOE GATT HAD NOT REPORTED FOR WORK ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, AND SIMPLY LEFT WORD THAT GENERAL MOLONGYA SHOULD CALL HIM IF HE NEEDED ANYTHING. LIKEWISE, FOUR OTHER PAN AM EMPLOYEES DID NOT REPORT TO WORK MONDAY.

3. CHARGE INFORMED GATT OF MOLONGYA'S COMPLAINTS AND ADVISED HIM TO CONTACT MOLONGYA SOONEST TO CALRIFY THE "MISUNDERSTANDING. GATT REPLIED THAT THE FOUR PAN AM EMPLOYEES SHOULD DEFINITELY BE ON THE JOB AND THAT HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THIS TYPE OF SITUATION DID NOT RECUR. AS FOR HIS OWN SITU-
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ACTION, HE WAS INDEED UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT GENERAL MOLONGYA WISHED FOR HIM TO REMAIN AWAY FROM THE OFFICE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED. HOWEVER, IN THE FUTURE, HE WOULD BE AT HIS AIR ZAIRE OFFICE DURING ALL NORMAL WORKING HOURS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY BY MOLONGYA. CHARGE ALSO CAUTIONED GATT ABOUT MAKING STATEMENTS DEROGATORY TO AIR ZAIRE AND MENTIONED THAT ALREADY DEROGATORY STATEMENTS ABOUT

AIR ZAIRE WERE BEING CIRCULATED IN THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY AND ATTRIBUTED TO JOE GATT. GATT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE MORE DISCREET IN THE FUTURE.

4. GATT TOLD CHARGE THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE MOLONGYA A LIST OF PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATES FOR EACH PAN AM EMPLOYEE. THE FIRST DEPARTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9.

5. CHARGE CALLED GENERAL MOLONGYA AND, WITH EXCEPTION OF DEROGATORY REMARKS, RELATED GIST OF CONVERSATION WITH GATT. MOLONGYA REPLIED THAT HE WAS SURE THAT PROBLEM HAD BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING AND HE APPRECIATED CHARGE'S EFFORTS IN HAVING IT RESOLVED. CHARGE WILL MEET WITH MOLONGYA EVENING MARCH 10 AND REVIEW SITUATION.

6. COMMENT: AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, THE SITUATION APPEARS TO BE BACK TO NORMAL. HOWEVER, MUCH CAN HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF APRIL WHEN THE CONTRACT EXPIRES.
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